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- 1. USLO OFFICERS AVAILABLE TO ESCORT BOTH GROUPS. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE ATTACHED, PARTICULARLY ONE TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP. THE BACKGROUND, EXPERTISE AND CONTACTS USLO CAN DEVELOP DURING VISIT WILL BE AN IMPORTANT HELP IN OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHINESE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBIT.
- 2. PRC HOST ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN APPRECIATIVE OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY USLO ESCORTS FOR PAST GROUPS FINDING THEM INCREASINGLY USEFUL AS MIDDLEMEN, TROUBLE-SHOOTERS, AND INTERPRETERS. DEPARTMENT ESCORTS WITH THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF VISITING GROUP AND NEGOTIATIONS LEADING UP TO VISIT HAVE PLAYED IMPORT ROLES. HOST ORGANIZATION HAVE WELCOMED THEIR PRESENCE GIVEN ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE.
- 3. IN SUM, AS VIEWED FROM PEKING PRC SHOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO ADDITION OF EITHER USLO OR DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, OR BOTH, TO USG FACILITATED DELEGATIONS. PRCLO PRACTICES REPORTED REFTEL STRENGTHEN THIS ASSESSMENT. CONFIDENTIAL

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4. WE URGE THAT DEPARTMENT GO BACK TO CSC AT HIGHEST LEVELS AND MAKE FIRM REPRESENTATIONS FAVORING USLO AND/OR DEPARTMENT ESCORTS FOR BOTH DELEGATIONS IN QUESTION. AS FAR AS FUTURE IS CONCERNED, WE AGREE THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD ASSERT THAT USLO BE PERMITTED TO ASSIGN ESCORTS ON ANY USG FACILITATED GROUP IT WISHES.
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